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DEAR BERT!

YESTERDAY WE RECEIVED MAIL FOR A CHANGE AND I GOT 3 FROM YOU, AND TWO FROM LOTTIE AND 1 FROM HARRY BERMAN. SURE GLAD TO HEAR FROM YOU ONCE AGAIN.

SINCE I LAST WROTE YOU THIS BN. HAS BEEN THROUGH THE GRILL. DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY WE FINALLY [illegible] THE BEACH [illegible] RIVER.

THE DAY WE MADE [illegible] HAD ONE CO. C.O. AND OUR BN. C.O. RELIEVED. WHEN OUR OLD BN. C.O. CAME BACK TO LEAD US THRU, WE ALL SAID WE WOULD BE AT THE RIVER THAT NIGHT! AND WE WERE! BOY, IT'S WONDERFUL HOW AN OUTFIT CAN FIGHT WHEN EVERY ONE HAS CONFIDENCE IN THE C.O. RIGHT? BOY, HE RULES WITH AN IRON HAND.

THERE WERE TIMES COMING UP THIS

TRAIN THAT I THOUGHT YOU WOULD HAVE TO
CARRY ON THE "BANK" NAME ALONE. WE WERE
STOPPING ONCE FOR A BREAK WHEN ALL
HELL BROKE LOOSE, AND WE COULDN'T SEE
A THING. IT HAPPENED MANY TIMES; SNIPERS
TAKING SHOTS AT US. AND LET ME TELL
YOU NO GRASS GREW UNDER ME FROM
THE TIME THE FIRST SHOT FIRED AND
I HIT THE GROUND. SOMEHOW, ONCE I GOT
HIT OVER MY EYE WITH A HELMET, AND I
THOUGHT I WAS HIT FOR SURE. BUT, I
MADE IT O.K., AND WE'RE NOW RESTING
AND SWIMMING IN THE RIVER. P-47'S
DROP US FOOD AND EQUIPMENT.
LAST NIGHT I HAD TO STAND GUARD
3AM - 6AM; AND IT'S ROUGH, NOT KNOWING IF
THERE ARE JAPS OUT THERE OR NOT.
BOY, I'M SURE GLAD THERE WEREN'T.
SO WE KILLED OUT MANY JAPS,
AND SOME MORE OF THE P.I. ARE FREE.

BERT, THE HARDEST PART OF THIS WAR IS SEEING YOUR BUDDIES GO DOWN, AND KNOWING THEY WON'T BE BACK TO CELEBRATE WITH THE LUCKY ONES AFTER THE WAR IS OVER. THAT'S WHAT'S ROUGH, BUT I GUESS IT'S ALL IN A WAR! RIGHT?

I'VE ONLY GOT 78 POINTS UP TO MAY 12TH, WITH ANOTHER 5 POSSIBLE SOON, AND TWO PER MONTH STILL COMING IN. SO I MIGHT GET HOME FOR XMAS YET!

YES, HERB GINSBERG'S FOLKS WERE VERY NICE TO ME WHEN I WAS IN SHELBY AND I WANT YOU TO HAVE HIM OVER TO DINNER SOME TIMES. HIS OLD MAN IS A BIG-SHOT IN NATTIS BERG. WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HIM?

HERE'S A CLIPPING FROM YANK MAGAZINE. BE GOOD AND WRITE SOON!

WHAT DID YOU EVER FIND OUT ABOUT THAT $125.00 ALLOTMENT YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T HAVE?

Chuck